

**MATTHEW BAIRD**

**Matthew Baird** was born in 1901 in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. from Princeton in 1924, an M.A. the following year from the same institution, and in 1928 a B.Litt. from Oxford University (Balliol College). The next ten years he spent as an educator, first as Master of the Haverford School and later as Headmaster of the Arizona Desert School. In 1938 he left the field of education for the grazing lands of Arizona where he specialized in the raising of Brahman cattle. He is still the owner-operator of the Ruby Star Ranch located near Tucson, Arizona. During World War II he served for forty-four months, mostly in the South Pacific. Mr. Baird's assignments included: Commanding Officer of the 13th Air Depot Group and later, Commanding Officer of the 13th Air Force Service Command. He holds the Legion of Merit, the Air Force Commendation Medal and four Battle Stars. He was separated from the Air Force with the rank of Colonel in 1945 but was recalled to active duty in December of 1950 to fill a new post in CIA. Two and a half years later he resumed his civilian status remaining in his position in this Agency.